shortcomings here and there cannot be ruled out altogether.

The States are periodically requested to tone up the monitoring system particularly at the Fair Price Shop level.

Incident of Police Firing in Uttrakhand

407. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Judicial Commission constituted to probe into the killing of 15 persons in police firing in Uttarakhand in October, 1994 has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay;

(d) whether some other similar Commissions have also been appointed in Uttar Pradesh;

(e) whether those commission have since submitted their reports;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the time by which the reports of those Commissions are likely to be submitted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Subsidy on Fertilizers

408. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN ; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has recommended the restoration of the earlier practice of distributing fertilizer subsidy directly to the farmers; and

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No such recommendation has been received from the Government of Kerala.

(b) Does not arise.

Paddy Procurement from Andhra Pradesh

409. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India expected a record paddy procurement from the East and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh particularly at the time when they suffered heavy cyclone damage;

(b) if so, whether the FCI has procured 14% higher paddy than that procured during the last year from these districts;

(c) if so, the total procurement made by the FCI from these districts uptill now; and

(d) the total of rice procured by the FCI from all over India and the extent to which it is more in comparison with the previous year ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The price of paddy prevailing in the market in Andhra Pradesh is higher than the Minimum Support price fixed by the Government. As such, no paddy has been procured in any District of Andhra Pradesh so far.

21.63 lakh tonnes of rice has however been procured as levy in Andhra Pradesh upto 21.2.97 in the current 1996-97 Kharif Marketing Season as against 16.58 lakh tonnes procured during the corresponding period of last season.

(c) Procurement of rice under levy in East and West Godavari districts is as under :-

(in lakh tonnes)

Distt.	Quantity of Rice procured during current 1996-97 season	Quantity of Rice procured during corresponding period of last season 1995-96
	(As on 20.2.97)	
East Godavari	3.66*	3.54
West Godavari	2.53@	1.64

(* 0.46 lakh tonnes procured under relaxed specifications.

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(d) A quantity of 90.98 lakh tonnes of rice has been procured upto 21.2.97 in the current 1996-97 Kharif Marketing Season for Central Pool as against 73.85 lakh tonnes procured during corresponding period last season.

'Encroachment of Forest Area

410. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the news item captioned "Assam Forest Exists only on Papers" appearing in Times of India dated January 30, 1997, reporting that on the outskirts of the city of Guwahati at Hengrapari a reserved forest exists only on papers;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether encroachers have settled within the